

Waste Management Joins St. Patrick's Day Parade with 'Waste Brigade'

Calling all recyclers and waste experts!

The Bureau of Waste Management (BWM) at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment is placing a call to interested individuals both inside and outside the agency to assist with manning their 'Waste Brigade' at the St. Patrick's Day Parade March 17 in downtown Topeka beginning at noon.

Brigade organizers **Kent O'Foerster** and **Rodney McFerguson** are hoping to recruit about 18-24 individuals to assist with various tasks. The pair requests individuals be available to volunteer from 10 a.m. through 1 p.m. the day of the parade, and those from volunteering from KDHE must have their supervisors' permission before signing up to help.



This local promotion is another in a series of educational awareness events under BWM's new 'Get Caught Recycling' campaign. The lineup order for the Waste Brigade includes:

- large 'green' trash truck,
- 2 people carrying a 'Keep America Beautiful' banner
- 2 people carrying a 'Waste Brigade' banner
- Several people wheeling/pushing 'green' 96 gallon totes (the pushers will be simulating picking up trash). The totes will be covered with temporary signs that read 'Put Litter In It's Place'
- 2 people carrying a 'Get Caught Recycling' banner
- Several people carrying 'blue' recycling buckets and clear bags full of cans and plastic (not commingled) to simulate recycling
- A special character bringing up the end of the brigade

The brigade will assemble 90 minutes before the noon start as parade position is determined on a first-come basis. Organizers want to be as far forward in the parade lineup as possible. The annual parade will begin at 6th and Jackson Streets.

For more information on volunteering, please contact Rodney Ferguson, (785) 291-3132, or Kent Foerster (785) 296-1540. Go to their Web site for more information on 'Get Caught Recycling' – www.getcaughtrecycling.org.